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President Ceausescu, currently vacationing at his Black Sea retreat, hosted a dinner on August 9 for more than two dozen officials of widely divergent Communist parties.

This affair has become an annual summer event and one in which the Romanian leadership takes great delight. In their eyes the presence of dignitaries from parties representing all shades of the socialist movement proves the success of their policy to respect all parties' right to pursue their own path to socialism.

This year's guest list included such luminaries as George Marchais, general secretary of the French Communist party, as well as officials from the Communist and socialist parties of Spain, Portugal, the Congo, Norway, Great Britain, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

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